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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union (EU) has appreciated the increased growth of the Indian Economy and has urged for removal of hurdles hindering the flow of foreign investment to the country;

(b) if so, whether EU is interested in investing in India;

(c) if so, the nature of hurdles being faced by them; and

(d) the steps being taken to remove these hurdles?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d): In the 5th India-EU Summit held on 8 November 2004, at the Hague, the Netherlands, the European Union (EU) welcomed the policy initiatives made in the Common Minimum Programme and the abiding commitment of the Indian Government to economic reforms for stimulating growth, investment and employment. While the EU has not referred to any specific issues affecting the flow of foreign investment to India, India and the EU have agreed to intensify cooperation and take action to facililtate and expand bilateral trade and investment flows.